

Velma L. Snook  
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THINGS NEEDED FOR THE PYENG YANG ACADEMY FOR  
YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS

REQUESTS APPROVED BY THE MISSION FOR THE LAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS.

Building Recitation (formerly asked for as a dormitory)	<del>20000.00</del>
Equipment	<del>2000.00</del>
Grading and walls and gatehouse	<del>700.00</del>

Worker for Industrial, Domestic Science and Self Help Department.

The amount of money asked for in the above items were all made out on the old scale of prices and would be wholly inadequate now. They would need to be doubled to meet the need of today.

Building is most urgent need. We have one building, a dormitory, built for fifty students and three old Korean houses, some of them about ready to tumble down.

We have taken the dining room, the laundry and ironing rooms and ~~and~~ six of the dormitory rooms on the first floor for school rooms, and use the second floor and the six Korean rooms for dormitory purposes. Some of the rooms are 9'x12' 8' x 16' and the room we use for chapel is 16' by 26'. Think of 140 girls being crowded into that space.

The girls are crowded in the dormitory also but they say they would rather be that way than to have me turn any girls away.

I am doing the work of the principal, treasurer of school funds, dormitory funds, girls banking account, head of the dormitory, and trying to do some teaching, look after the garden, and building repairs etc. etc.

and  
we also need a music teacher, a kindergartner.

If the present increase is permanent and continues we also need another dormitory. The present crowded condition can be endured for a short time but not for long. The old Korean houses will not be habitable much longer and the present building ought not to have more than 55 pupils in it. Tonight as I write this there are 97 girls and five women tucked away on this compound. We also need a building for Industrial work and gymnasium

From V. L. Snook

Pyang Yang Chosen July 13th 1920.

Dear Dr. Meffett:-

I am sending you a copy of Mr. Reiners letter to Dr. Brown for fear he did not get one off to you as he intended. You will see from it what our plans are for the present. The Mission passed both items and put the Recitation building first in the preferred list without any discussion or objections, even in the committees. The amount for the Recitation building is Yen 75000.00 and for the Emergency building is Yen 12000.00. We closed the Spring term with 160 pupils in attendance and all summer long, so far, the applications for admittance this fall are coming in. Just yesterday I received two applications for five girls each. If we could receive them I think without doubt we would have a school of over 200. But the only thing I can tell them now is to wait until we know about our building. Besides these two ~~two~~ requests for buildings our requests for the school are Yen 10000.00 for apparatus and equipment. Yen 1400.00 for gate house and walls and grading, Addition to Dormitory 30000.00 yen. The Station put these requests in the following order on their list.

No. 1	Woman's Academy Recitation Building	Yen 75000.00
No. 2	" " Apparatus and Equipment	10000.00
No. 4	" " Gate house, walls and grading	1400.00
No. 5	" " Domestic Science and Industrial (Emergency)	12000.00
No. 15	" " Addition to Dormitory	30000.00

We did not put the emergency building first on the list because we did not want anything to interfere with the getting of the main building.

The Station took unanimous action ~~action~~ asking Olivette Swallen to come back as a regularly appointed missionary to take charge of the dormitories, teach Domestic Science, Home economics etc. <sup>in our school</sup> Miss Anderson thinks now that she wants to keep the Self Help Department and as Olivette did not care to return for that and we need her very much for the other I hope you will see

her and urge upon her the great need and the great opportunity there is now. The changes taking place are so great and the girls and young women need so much help and guidance right now and it has to be given so carefully and tactfully that I wish I could have Olivette here this next fall but I suppose there is no use to think of that as she will probably not yet have finished her course. We had to give up first place on the list of requests ~~this~~ for educational workers or fight Syen Chyen so I told the committee that if they were willing to give us the privilege of having the worker if we could get one appointed for Pyeng Yang I would give up first place on the list. They consented so now it is up to you and Miss Best to get a worker and get her support for Pyeng Yang. Tie all the strings to her that you can and then we can hold on to her. Miss Del Marter was appointed to Seoul and Miss Dean was appointed to Cheng Chu as an Evangelistic worker. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz were appointed to Pyeng Yang. If Seoul had not put Miss Dean out of the educational work we might have had a chance for Miss DelMarter. If we get Olivette our next worker should be one who can take the music. The Educational committee of the Mission were quite in favor of short term teachers (3 years) who would come out to teach English, Calisthenics, music or such things as could be done without much study of Korean. They would furnish young life for the school, English teachers without the older Missionaries having to give their time for such work, and maybe develop into good regular Missionaries. If we could have the force of workers in the school as we need and as I would like to see it it would be as follows

Principal -----  
 Head of Self Help Dep't ----- Miss Anderson  
 Dormitories and Home Economics----Olivette Swallen  
 Music and English ----- ?  
 Kindergarten ----- Carey Reynolds

If Carey does not want the Kindergarten work I wonder if she would not like to come for the music and English.

Sincerely  
 Helina L. Snook.

Pyeong Yang Korea  
July 3, 1920.

Dear Miss Best:-

This is July 3rd as they are having a picnic up the river but I could not so because of my Sunday-School Teachers Class. but Miss Doris has the flag out flying in fine style.

Institute and Annual Meeting are over so now we are not in such a big rush. The Tipton Roberts, and Lampf & Miss. Stevens, Bergmann & Samuel are here for over Sunday expecting to take the boat for Sorai on Monday morning. We have Miss Stevens, here, and the Roberts for meals, as they are staying over in their rooms. I expect to go to Woon Sam about the middle of the month for two or three weeks.

Annual Meeting went off fine. We had Dr. Doehner of the Louisville Tenn. Theo. Sem. with us whose talks were very helpful and Mr. Trumbull of the Sunday-School Times - who gave several talks on the victorious life which were very practical and good so we felt that we had a spiritual treat this time as well. The sad part of it was the death of Lloyd Hunt of dysentery. He had just graduated from the grammar school into high school this spring, when his little life was cut short. Mrs Hunt staid with him

in the hospital, but Mrs. Hurst attended most of the meetings. On Thursday they saw he could not live and both of them were with him all through the night expecting him to go at any time. Katherine McCune staid out in the hall & did what she could. He lived however until about 8:00 the next morning. ~~He~~ They were very anxious to bury him here in P. Y. where the 1st Mrs Hurst is buried, but they had considerable trouble with the authorities because he died of dicentary. Finally They allowed him to go on the freight train. So we got busy and made the coffin, and had the funeral early Sat. morning at the nurses home (Miss Esteb is a dear just so is Miss Battle) and the family accompanied by a few friends went up on the 10 o'clock train and Dr. Baird took the body up on the freight train. Mrs. Mc mustie went up ahead to make arrangements here It did not reach P. Y. until late at night, but as the next day was Sunday they had a mid night burial service in our little country where he was laid away till the resurrection morn. It was a beautiful moon light night so it was really better than going out in the blazing hot sun. The family feels pretty bad, but they took it beautifully. Gods grace is sufficient.

You will be surprised at some of the changes among the single women. Both Miss Lewis & Miss Dean want to leave the Girl's School here in Seoul (Miss Snow says that is the history of that School. They are never able to hold anyone.) So Miss Dean was sent to Cherry Jw to take Miss Edgerton's

place, and the new woman coming out this summer is to go into the school. Miss Lewis will remain until her place can be supplied. Miss Helstrom asked the mission to remove her from Szeu Chuen as she goes to Kang Kei. It seems this is the 2nd time she made this request, but was persuaded the other time to go back. This time she was changed, and Miss Edgerton was sent to Szeu Chuen to take her place. Severance Hospital gets the new nurse to take the place of Miss Reimers and Dr. Anson's son is sent to Kang Kei which releases the Biggers for Pyung Yang. Perhaps you have heard that Dr. Folwell has ~~long~~ resigned so Dr. Biggers coming here is very opportune. The only thing we hear of Dr. Folwell is that he is going into independent practice at Fusan. like Dr. Provir. Whether this is true I do not know but he certainly needs our prayers.

*Mr. & Mrs. Lutz come out new for the agricultural department in P. S. & hope they do not pronounce their names like yours!!*

I don't know whether you have heard of the epidemic of strikes we have had in our schools or not. It began in <sup>chosen</sup> ~~Scott~~ Christiana college, then here in our Academy and then in Szeu Chuen Academy. The demands and general appearance of them all were so much alike that every one thinks there was a reason. In each case it was gotten up by a group of boys of the questionable element in the school, and the good boys intimidated into obedience to their demands. It happened each time when a very prominent official party from the mother country was here, so they saw our schools in a very bad light and the

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Comments in the papers about Mission Schools ~~are~~ far from  
complimentary. At the next meeting of Presbytery here in P. Y.  
they asked that they be permitted to be on the Board of Control in  
the same way as we are, with equal powers etc. They seemed  
to think that we had plenty of cash, and all that was needed  
was to turn on the spigot and it would just flow out, and  
everything else they wanted in the school would come just  
as easy if they could just turn it on. So we had a  
number of Station meetings to decide what answer to  
give. It was decided first to tell them how we got money  
and were not allowed to write home as we pleased etc.  
Then we made ~~them~~ a proposition which was  
endorsed as a good solution at Annual Meeting. That we  
~~will~~ ~~take~~ ~~over~~ ~~our~~ ~~Academy~~ ~~work~~ ~~to~~ ~~them~~  
when they felt they could take it up, and also we would  
ask the Mission and Board permission to give them  
Sleeman Hill for a site for their buildings, and also  
assist with the appropriation we are now using  
until such time as they they are able to carry the whole  
of it. This puts the responsibility of deficit etc. on them, and  
they can turn the spigot on for their own church just as  
hard as they please. This request from the Koreans is  
not altogether because of dissatisfaction because of our  
Academy, but at present there is a great desire to study  
and the schools are full up. Our Academy had about 450  
in it this year, & College 50. 80. & Miss Snook's school full to

the briver ~~is~~ This is not only true of our schools but in the city as well, and our boys school there is so crowded they cannot get along, and when these boys graduate our academy is not large enough to take care of them so that is also ~~or~~ the reason why they want to get our own Board of Control and make the academy bigger if possible. We answered by opening the door for them to get just as big an academy as they are able to get, & we put into it the same amount each year as we are now, but of course we would have the same Academy building to ourselves for the College. We did not think it wise to give the building but let them put up their own. This happened just before Annual Meeting, and when down in Seoul we began to hear of big doings in P. S. We had known that Kim Tak Too ~~was~~ was going to hold meetings here but nothing had been said about money raising. But after a while letters began to come telling about the large sums of money given for schools. Those who did not give money gave fields, watches, rings, all kinds of jewelry and were hair switches. They say about 700 switches were given. Mrs Thomas and Miss English were at the meeting when the switches were given. They say it was a wonderful meeting, and a sight worth seeing. Rich and poor took off their singars, pulled down their hair and gave their switches, and did up what was left in a little knot in the neck like Seoul women, using a lead pencil for want of a pin to hold it.



They seemed to think that parting with their hair they must also part with their sugars too. They certainly look funny. The younger women do not look so bad, but the older women like Laune Pakie, and 리하녀 have sacrificed good looks too. Some of the very young women who have hair enough left, twist the braid around the head similar to the way the school girls do.

Pam finishing this letter Monday morning. I took my lunch to Sunday School yesterday and staid to the P.M. service. It did look strange to see nearly half of the women, old and young without sugars. We all feel sorry to see them so. but to have about half in a week's time dooms the other half, so you had better be prepared to see them gone when you come back.

I also met a <sup>deaf & dumb</sup> woman they said who had been cured of deafness ~~at~~ at this time. She certainly seemed to have no difficulty in hearing and speaking when I talked with her. She was 73 years old, and had been in this condition for 12 years. A deaf & dumb boy of the elder at Mrs. Bernhards church has been cured, and is now learning the names of things and how to talk. I also met a woman who had been cured of some kind of a trembling disease which she had had for years. They say there were about 300 cures in all. Things are certainly moving these days, and how wonderful it is to be permitted to see it.

Please write when you can. I presume you have heard Mr. Whiting has resigned. Mr. Nelson wants to come back, but the Mission did not think it wise to ask for him unless his wife came too. We had the Robert family & Miss Stevens with us for a while Sunday on their way to Sorai. Hope you are well and enjoying your feelings.  
Sincerely Alice M. Betts

July 17, 1920.

Hello, Sando - am  
writing to you too,  
while we enjoy our  
cholera ~~vacation~~ <sup>vacation</sup>  
and wonder whether  
we go to Sorai tomorrow  
or deposit Nanpo is  
probably still open  
& Sando with luggage  
has gone down that  
way - Mrs. Mowry &  
I with the 4 children  
go via Sariwon when  
Mr. Phil. telegraphs  
us to come. He has taken  
the Millermore & Mr. M.  
& Resides left today.  
Looks like big rain.  
Think the cow is <sup>Goodbye</sup>  
sold for 300 <sup>per year</sup> a beauty  
Lots of love

July 16, 1926

Mrs C. L. Phillips

Pyongyang, Chosen, July 16, 1926.

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ation letter to the ladies in  
meries, after a meeting.

It is my turn so here goes for all the station gossip I can  
fect. Usual July weather—the weeping willow looks more weepy than ever, as  
seem to have entered upon that sweet, sticky time called "rainy season". The  
rain, however makes the gardens look well. We have plenty to eat and some to can  
from the fruits in the gardens. Bernheisels had cherries to sell and some of us  
profited thereby for our cellar stores. Strawberries and raspberries a success  
in P.Y. this year, also the spud crop. The whole station compound has a very  
green, prosperous look today. We have as usual very much to be thankful for,  
and especially for the fact the the benevolent powers that be don't allow the  
price of coal to be more or less that \$ 25.90 per ton !

I will begin over on the city wall at the Girls Academy. The ladies are  
both well. Miss Snook goes to Sorai for August and Miss Anderson goes to  
Karuizawa. This year the latter passed her 3rd year language written, but not  
the oral. The school is asking for the domestic science teacher who will be  
able to take care of the selfhelp department. Miss A. would then be able to  
take over regular teaching and the music. Since Union was given up new build-  
ings are needed worse than ever.

Caroline A. Ladd dormitories or flats. Engels have the south part. They have  
gone to Fusanchin for the summer, to return in September. Robertses have been  
living in the north section and will have to stay there this year. Now that  
they are permanently transferred to P.Y. they are going to need a new house.  
It is second on the preferred list. Can't some of you help boost it? We are  
glad that we are going to have the Robertses. They have just gone to Sorai to  
hold down the little shack they bought of Mr. Thwing.

Holdcrofts still reside in their lovely home. Mr. H. has gone to Sorai with  
servants and Mr. MacMurtrie to build their new mansion by the sea, out of the  
old Lee river boat house, plus the Gillis cow barn, and two barrels of cement.  
It promises to be some castle. Mrs. H. will follow to Sorai when a telegram  
comes saying the puzzle has been put together. The Holdcrofts are the mission  
delegates to the S.S. convention in Tokyo this fall. Misses Edgerton and Bergman  
are with Mrs. H. until August when they go to Karuizawa to remain until after  
the S.S. convention. Miss Edgerton has been assigned to Syoncaun. We hoped she  
could stay here. She also passed language exams, 3rd year, oral and written.

At the Swallen house are the young folks, the Hamiltons. They are going to  
stay home all summer and enjoy the place. The new missionaries, Mr. and Mrs.utz  
will reside with them this winter. Mr. L. comes to take charge of the farm  
department of the shops. We hope to welcome them in October.

Blair house, an empty place most all the year, begins to blossom again. Next  
Saturday Mrs. B. returns and will soon be dispensing hospitality again in that  
home. We are all glad and most of all that man who has looked so lonesome all  
the past year. The Blairs will go up the Tai Tong river in their boat house  
this summer.

Hills are home from Seoul and brought with them baby David James, a fine  
big specimen of Hillhood. Little Mary Elizabeth was sick with dysentery while  
in Seoul but is all right now. We are glad that news has come that the Hills  
are now regular members of the mission, and permanently assigned to P.Y.

Bernheisels seem to be the most lively of all this hot weather. The man, who  
by the way has a brand new D.D., is spending two weeks in the country visiting  
his churches before they leave for Sorai—I don't mean the churches are going  
on a vacation, but the Bernheisels. Mrs. B. is having charge of a kindergarten  
normal just now. Charles and Helen are both well and growing to be big children.

The Wows are all well. They have gone to Sorai where they have lately  
built a nice little cottage. Mr. Wowry still continues in the Academy as the  
principal. He had about 35 students last month when the school closed for  
vacation.

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The single ladies, Miss Dorris goes up the river on a house boat and will take as houseman. The latter is in charge of the B.I. until Miss Best returns. Miss Dean of Seoul and Mrs. Thomas. Miss Butts spends the summer at her family's house is to contain the family of our real new doctor. Biggers are to come from Kangei and union with the Methodists has become a reality this year. We are asking for a new house for Dr. Bigger, and have it first on the list.

This leaves Mr. McMurtrie without a house. He has enjoyed keeping house this year in the Gillis house, but where he will go now we cannot say. The poor man has need of a real house of all his own.

The Dormitory. Mrs. Thomas is quite well now. We hate to think that this is the last year of her contract. We hope she will decide to stay longer with us. This is also Miss English's last year to teach in the school. The request has gone to the Board that she be appointed a regular missionary. We have a new high school teacher who arrived with Mrs. Blair. She is Miss Etta Boyer from Missouri.

You can imagine how saddened we all were over the death of Loyd Hunt, during annual meeting, June 26. He took dysentery in Chairyung and was taken to Seoul for treatment. His case did not respond to the usual treatments and his parents had to watch him gradually slip away from them. Here in P.Y. we have the memory of his bright and happy face on the day of graduation from grammar school a couple of weeks before his death. The Hunts were very brave. The authorities allowed them to bring the body here for burial. They buried him at midnight on Saturday, the day they came from Seoul. There were not many of us there, as most all were in Seoul. Mrs. Bernheisel said it was really a very lovely service and not at all gruesome as it might seem at that time of night. We shall all miss Lyod. He was thirteen and was to enter High school this fall.

The Reiners still hold forth in the red brick house. Mrs. Reiner was in Syenchun for several weeks during the early summer for a rest. She seems to be better now. They have all gone to that Pyengyang annex-Sorai Beach.

The Bairds remain home this summer as the stork is expected to fly over their home in September.

Mrs. Moffett and the children have gone with the crowd to Sorai, mostly on account of little Sammy as he has not been very well. The Mission property committee put a new house on the docket for the Moffetts, even tho the request had not come from our station. They all think that the Moffetts deserve and need a new house. We think this is fine, and hope that before long there will be a real nice house put up in place of the old one in the Moffett compound. The old house has many associations connected with it that the doctor hates to see it come down, but he really needs a new house.

Now I have come all around the compound. The Phillips family is well. Mr. P. took the Henry Ford and drove to Sorai three times, moving the Reiners, Mowrys, Moffetts, Whittemores, and the Suitcases. There was a cholera quarantine in Chianampo, hence the drive overland. Now Sir Henry is locked up in the barn, and the Phillipses are to join the party on the river. There are to be three boats in the party, and two cows following on the bank.

Methodists are all right. The Moores are in Sorai, so are the Misses Robbins and Dillingham. Dr. Folwell has resigned and goes to Fusan to take up the old Erwin medical work. We would rather attend his funeral than see him go away under the present circumstances.

Now if there is any more gossip it is because I have been busy and have not been able to hear it.

We all join in sending love and best wishes. We miss you all—we sure do.

Yours lovingly,

(Mrs. C. S.) E. Florence Phillips

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Madison, Indiana

July 23 1920

Rev. Chas. E. Patton D.D.

Acting Secy for Rev. A. J. Brown D.D.

156 Fifth Ave. New York City

My Dear Dr. Patton:

Yours of 19<sup>th</sup> received - concerning the  
inquiries from Mr. Dexter W. Lutz.

I reply in substance as I replied to Mr. Lutz who wrote  
me also on the subject.

First - I would strongly advise him to finish his  
work and to secure the degree which will be of very  
great value to him in the eyes of the Japanese and give  
him a much better standing and influence.

Second - As for date of sailing I think he should plan  
to be in Kobe early in March at latest. Of course  
the sooner he arrives the sooner he will begin to acquire  
the language but there is no special condition which  
would make it imperative for him to go at a convenient  
time in order to gain a couple of months.

Arrival in midwinter might be a little trying on account  
of the cold and the fact that they will probably have to settle  
in temporary quarters pending the securing of a permanent house  
for them.

If it is at all possible I wish he might spend  
a month or so at Hampton Institute in Virginia  
between the time he secures his degree and his  
sailing for Korea. A month there would give him an  
acquaintance with the practical side of work which  
would supplement his studies to very great advantage.  
Would it not be possible for the Board to arrange for  
this?

Wishing you every blessing and great pleasure in the  
work which has come to you in the Board rooms  
ad. with kindest regards

Very Sincerely  
Samuel A. M. S. Jett.

P.S. May I also acknowledge with thank you  
letter of July 15 concerning travel expenses and  
expenses at General Assembly. SAM.

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